(*b*) when Mr. I. Ramakrishna Aiyar, the Headmaster of the said school, took leave preparatory to retirement; and

(*c*) whether proper substitutes have been appointed in the places of these teachers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 15th Chingam 1102.

(*b*) 5th Kanni 1102.

(*c*) Yes.

Villukiri Market.

164. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there were two private evening markets in close proximity within a distance of about a furlong in Villukiri, Alur *pakuthi*, Kalkulam taluk;

(*b*) when these markets were closed and on what account;

(*c*) whether the Government have opened a new public market at Villukiri for the benefit of all classes of the people of the locality; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that a certain section of the people of the locality, against the interests of the said public market, hold regularly a private market without license within a distance of two furlongs?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of petitions submitted to the Government regarding the conduct of the said unlicensed market; and

(*b*) the action taken on those petitions?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to issue prompt orders to the authorities concerned to see that such unlicensed market is immediately stopped and that the persons concerned in conducting it are properly dealt with?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) There were two private evening markets, one at Pandarakadu and the other at Villukiri, two furlongs away from it.

(*b*) These markets were closed from the 1st Chingam 1102 in pursuance of G. O. Dis. No. 54/26/Judicial, dated the 9th January 1926, as the feelings between the local Nadars and fishermen were very strained and as it was found necessary to close both the markets in the interests of public peace and tranquillity.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(2) (*a*) One petition was received by the Government complaining against the unauthorised holding of a private market.

(*b*) On enquiry it was found that the allegations regarding the unauthorised holding of another market were groundless.

(3) This question does not arise in view of the answers to parts (2) (*a*) and (*b*).

Encouragement of Dyeing Industry.

165. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state what facilities

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and conveniences are afforded for the encouragement of the dyeing industry from indigenous dye-stuffs which are reported to be abundant in Travancore shores and forests?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to open a combined dyeing and tanning factory similar to the one carried on by the Punjab Government at Shadara?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) The Government are not aware that indigenous dye-stuffs are abundant in Travancore. There is provision for a dyeing class in the Central Technological Institute where instruction is given in the use of indigenous dye-stuffs as well as synthetic dyes.

(2) The Government have already a tannery where the dyeing of leather is carried on and also a dye-house where textile goods can be dyed. It is not believed that any advantage will be gained by combining these two at present.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): It is stated in part (1) of the answer that the Government are not aware that indigenous dye-stuffs are abundant in Travancore. May I know from the member whether he is aware that in his report on the Industrial Survey Dr. Barker has stated that there are abundant dye-stuffs in Travancore?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is stated in the answer that the Government are not aware that indigenous dye-stuffs are *abundant* in Travancore.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Has not Dr. Barker stated in his report on the Industrial Survey of Travancore that there are abundant dye-stuffs here?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware of that.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether Government verified the report before they prepared their answer to this question?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware of the statement made by Dr. Barker.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether he is aware of Dr. Barker's "Industrial Survey"?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Want of vigilance of the Police at Tiruvitankod.

166. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): (1) Is it a fact that theft and burglary are on the increase in Tiruvitankod?

(2) Is it a fact that, owing to the trouble and annoyance caused by rowdies, respectable men and women especially find it very difficult to walk along the public roads?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and do the needful?

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